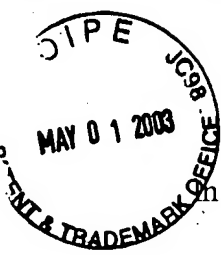


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicant does not believe that any extensions of time are required at this time. A check in the amount of \$84.00 is attached hereto for an addition of one independent claim. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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